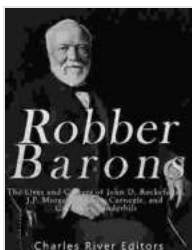


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The Lives and Careers of John D. Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, and Cornelius Vanderbilt is a fascinating and inspiring account of the lives and careers of four of the most successful businessmen in American history. These men were pioneers in their respective fields and their stories are full of lessons that can be applied to business and life in general.

## John D. Rockefeller

John D. Rockefeller was born in Richford, New York, in 1839. He started his career as a bookkeeper in Cleveland, Ohio, but he soon became interested in the oil business. In 1870, he founded Standard Oil, which quickly became the largest oil company in the world. Rockefeller was a ruthless businessman, but he was also a brilliant strategist. He used his wealth to control the oil industry and to gain political influence. He died in 1937, leaving behind a fortune of over \$300 million.



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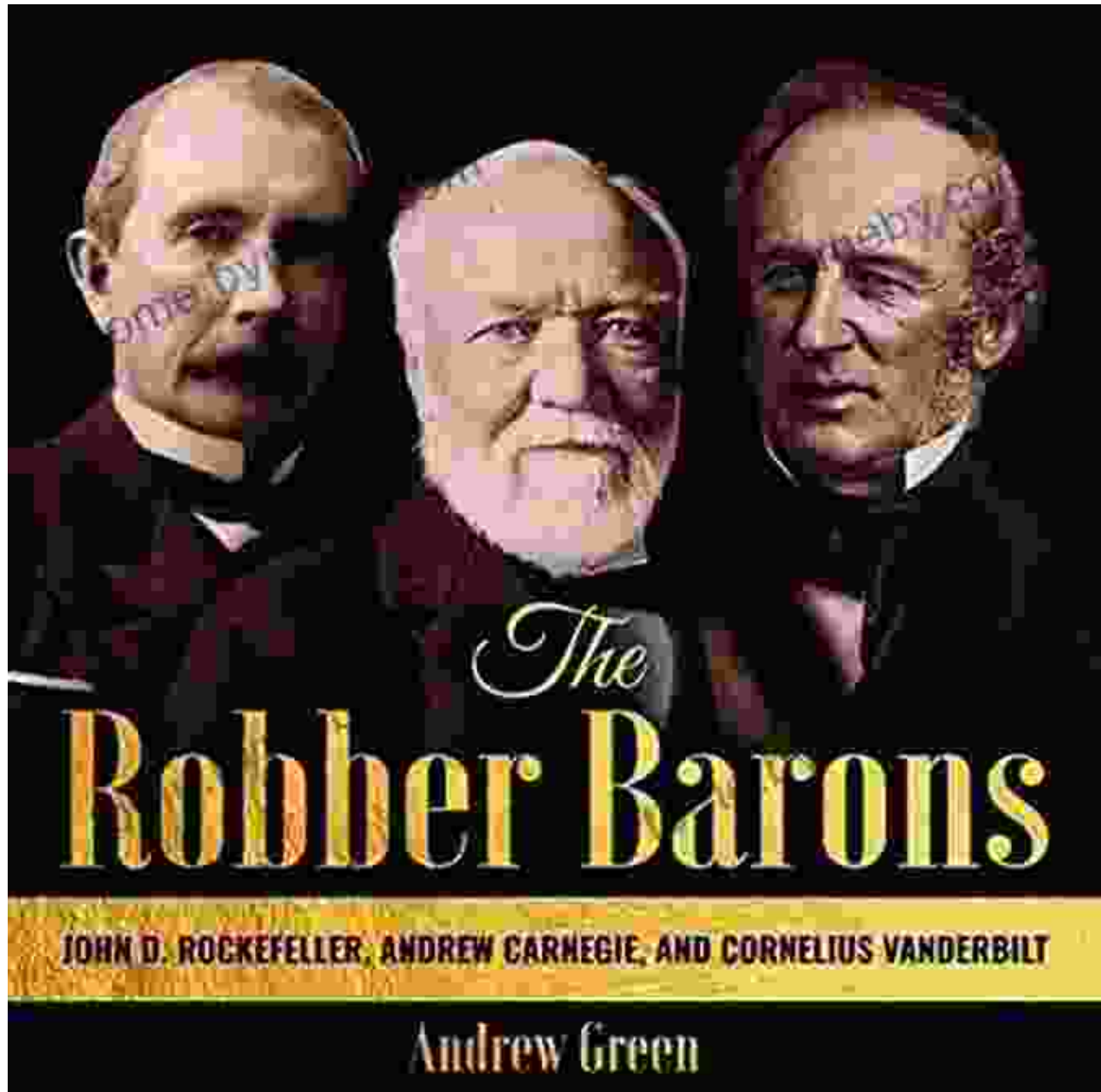
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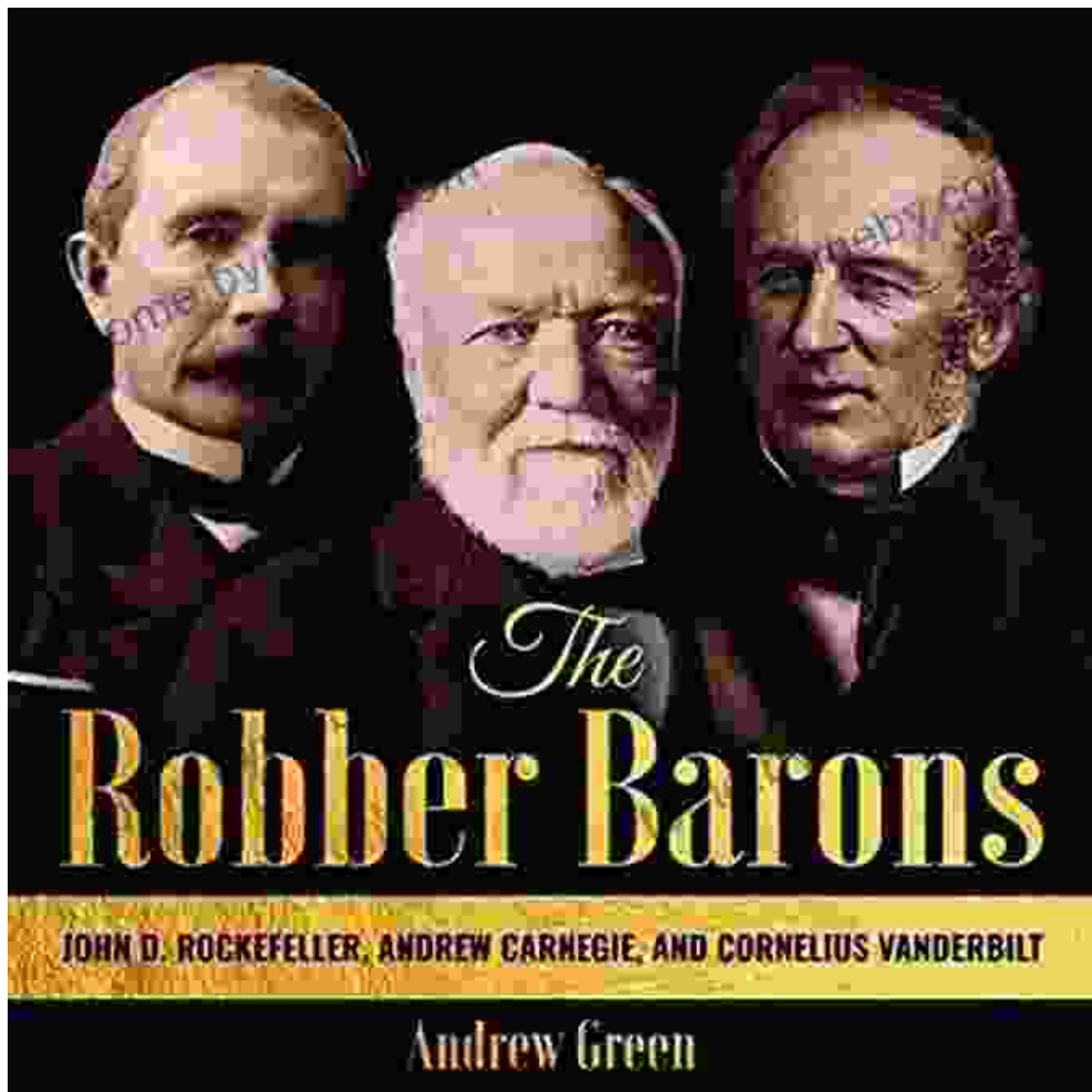
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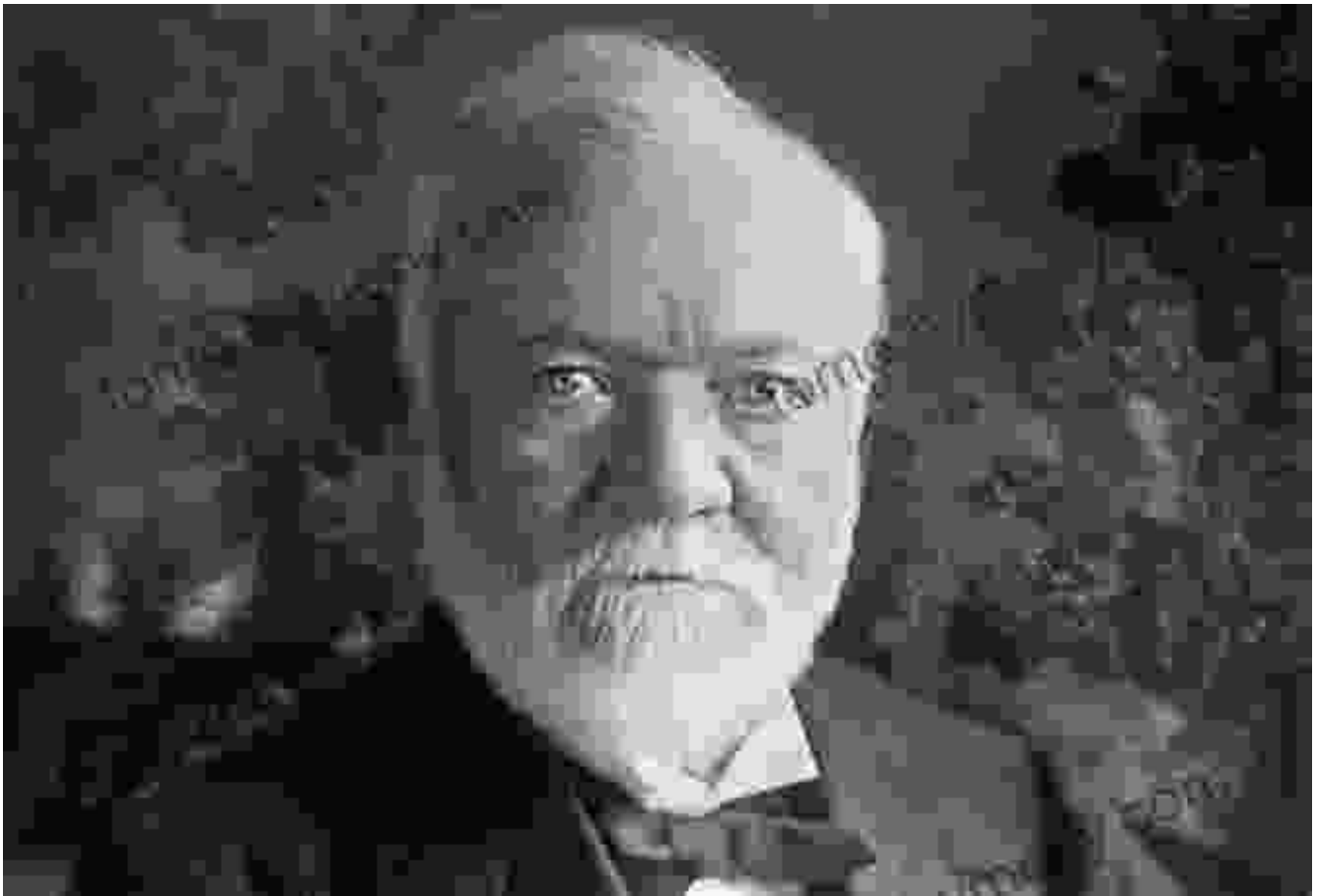
J.P. Morgan was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1837. He started his career as a banker in New York City, and he quickly rose through the ranks. In 1871, he founded J.P. Morgan & Co., which quickly became one of the most powerful investment banks in the world. Morgan was a brilliant financier, and he played a key role in the development of the American economy. He died in 1913, leaving behind a fortune of over \$100 million.



J.P. Morgan, founder of J.P. Morgan & Co.

## **Andrew Carnegie**

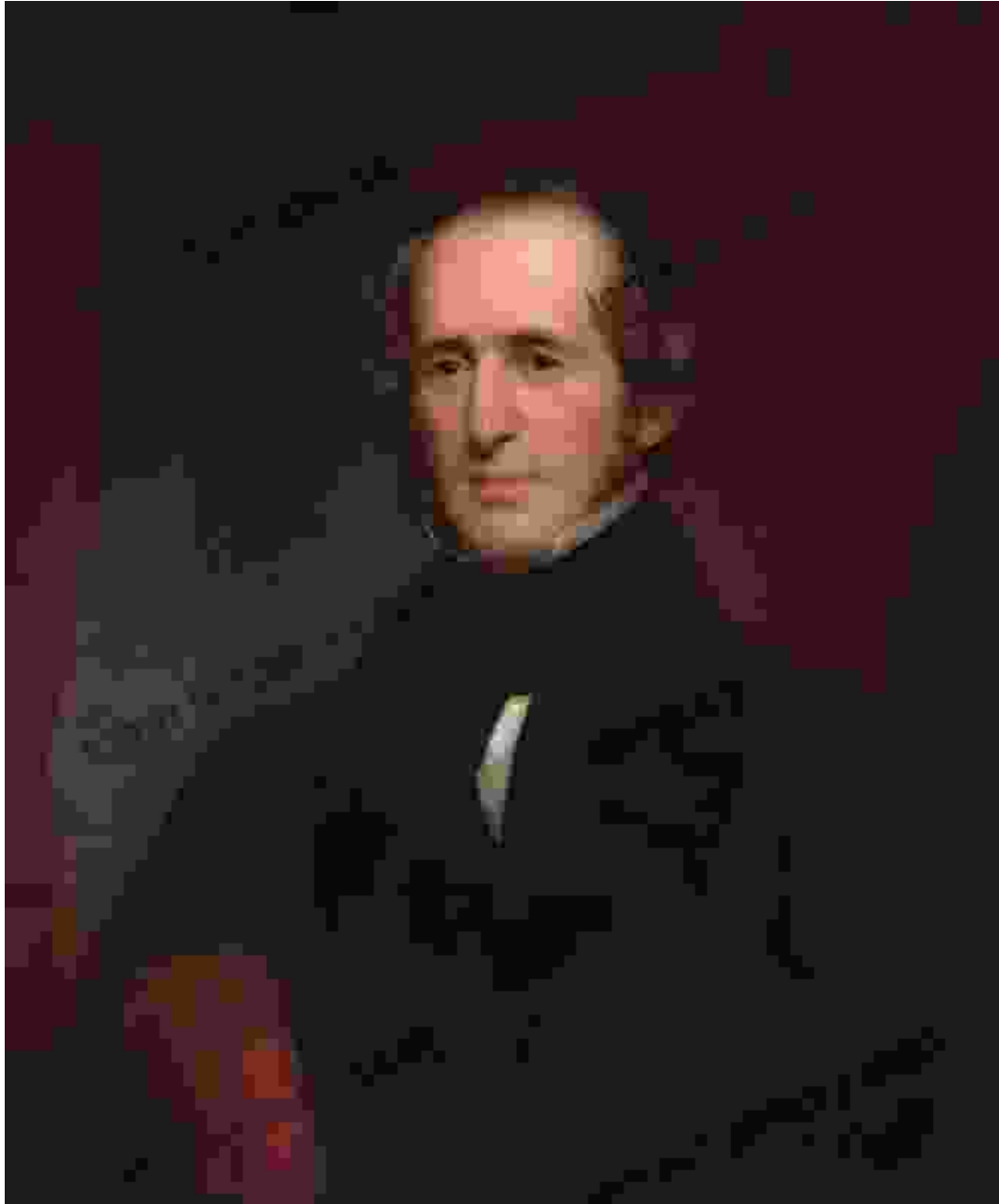
Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1835. He immigrated to the United States in 1848, and he started his career as a bobbin boy in a textile mill. In 1865, he founded Carnegie Steel Company, which quickly became the largest steel company in the world. Carnegie was a brilliant industrialist, and he was also a philanthropist. He donated millions of dollars to libraries, schools, and other charitable causes. He died in 1919, leaving behind a fortune of over \$300 million.



## **Cornelius Vanderbilt**

Cornelius Vanderbilt was born in Staten Island, New York, in 1794. He started his career as a ferryboat operator, but he soon expanded his business into shipping and railroads. In 1873, he founded Vanderbilt

University, which is one of the leading universities in the United States. Vanderbilt was a ruthless businessman, but he was also a visionary entrepreneur. He died in 1877, leaving behind a fortune of over \$100 million.

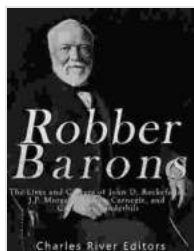


Cornelius Vanderbilt, founder of Vanderbilt University

## **Lessons from the Titans**

The lives and careers of John D. Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, and Cornelius Vanderbilt offer a wealth of lessons that can be applied to business and life in general. Here are a few of the most important lessons:

- **Be ambitious.** These men were all driven by a desire to succeed. They set high goals for themselves and they worked tirelessly to achieve them.
- **Be innovative.** These men were all willing to take risks and try new things. They were not afraid to challenge the status quo and they were always looking for new ways to improve their businesses.
- **Be persistent**



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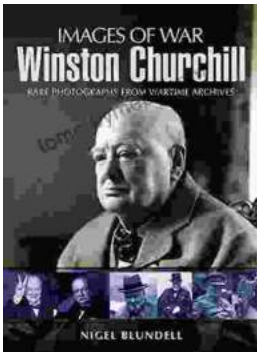
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